

- 1. What processes remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere?
- 2. Where can carbon be stored on Earth? (Carbon reservoirs)
- 3. Why would it be good for carbon to be stored in places other than the atmosphere?



- Take out your carbon cycle lab sheet
- 5 minutes to work in your groups to answer your questions

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- Humans contributed 35
 billion gigatons in 2010
- On average, volcanos emit
 .13-.44 gigatons/year

- 1980 Mt. St. Helens emitted 10 million tons of CO2 in 9 hours.
- Humans emit this much CO2 in 2.5 hours!



Funny Video Friday

• Get out your Fish and the Forest questions



- Why are bears ecosystem engineers?
- What would happen to the ecosystem if bears were removed in the 1940s like proposed?

• You are a nitrogen atom!!

- Start at the lab station that correspond to your table group number
- Place ONE stamp in your start location box
- Roll the dice to find out where to go next
- Place ONE stamp on your passport when you get there AND note how you got there

- When your passport is full go back to your seat
- Complete your analysis questions
- This goes on page 21

Nitrogen Cycle How did you cycle through the ecosystem?

- Processes:
- Nitrogen Fixation
- Denitrification
- Leaching



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Nitrogen fixation: lightening or 1. bacteria turn N2 from the atmosphere into ammonia (NH3) in soil or water. Bacteria in water and soil then turn ammonia into nitrates (NO-3)

What you need to know:

 Nitrogen fixation: bacteria takes nitrogen gas from the atmosphere and fixes it into a form of nitrogen that producers can absorb



- 2. Producers take up nitrate
- 3. Consumers eat producers
- Decomposers break down dead organic matter and return nitrogen to soil and water

What you need to know:

5. Denitrification: bacteria turn nitrogen from plants back into nitrogen gas to be released into the atmosphere



- 6. Humans capture N2 to use in fertilizer
- 7. Fertilizer increases nitrogen concentration in soil (crops)
- 8. <u>Leaching: excess nitrogen is</u> washed into the waterways

 What is the relationship between nitrogen fixation and denitrification?

How does leaching differ from runoff?

Figure 4-13 The Nitrogen Cycle

The atmosphere is the largest reservoir of nitrogen. Nitrogen also cycles through the biosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere.



Matter Flow in Ecosystems

- You should know objectives 1-10!
- Ask questions!